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FAMILY HISTORY.

Name? John Black ~~1~~

Lot & Concession?

Gore of Toronto ^{n.D.} ~~12~~ ^{on} C 12 Lot 15 1876.
Date of death?

Date of birth? 1847

Place of burial?

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Parents?

Where did they live? Angleshire, Scotland

From where did they come and when?

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Wife's name? Margaret McCallum

Wife's parent's names? John McCallum

Wife's father's place of residence? Woodbridge

Date of wife's birth? 1861 Date of wife's death? 1931.

Place of wife's burial?

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What was John Black's Occupation?

Religion? Presbyterian

Politics?

What offices did he hold in the Community, Township, County, Province, School and Church?

Elder at Nashville Presbyterian Church 1890...

To what Societies or Military Organizations did he belong?
Life Member W.M.S.

Did he raise any pure-bred stock? If so, what breed?

Telegram, Toronto.
December 30/1937.

John Black, Peel Pioneer, Will Mark 90th Birthday When Greeting New Year

Nashville, Dec. 30 (Staff Special).—There will be a twofold celebration at the Black homestead here on New Year's Day.

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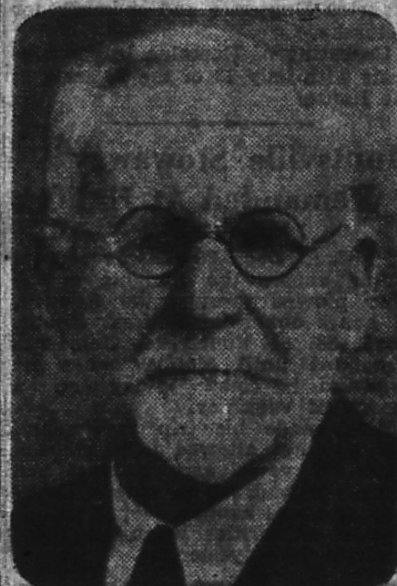
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At 25, John Black decided to establish a home with his family in the Toronto Gore district. At 30 he purchased the farm where he still lives. His wife, formerly Margaret McCallum, died six years ago in her 70th year.

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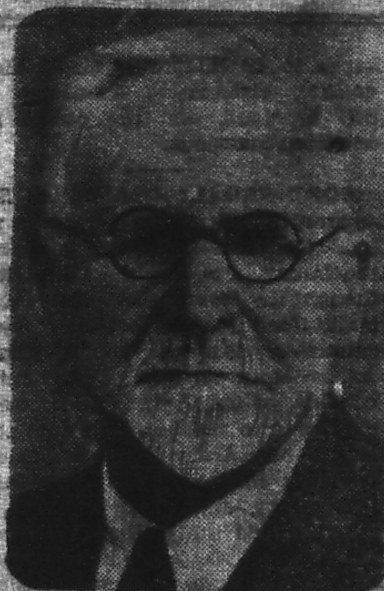
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**JOHN BLACK CELEBRATES
90TH BIRTHDAY****JOHN BLACK**

Mr. John Black, Nashville, celebrated his 90th birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Johnston, Coleraine, where a reception was held in her home on New Year's Day. Mr. Black, who enjoys remarkable health and vigor for a man of his great age, was born in the Isle of Iona, Argyshire, Scotland, on Jan. 1st, 1848. He came to Canada with his parents when only three years old, the crossing in a sailing vessel taking seven weeks. Settling first in Vaughan Township, a move was made some years later to Toronto Gore. In 1879 he was married to Margaret A. McCallum and of this marriage there were eight children, seven daughters and one son, all of whom were present and received with their father on Saturday last.

In 1921 Mr. and Mrs. Black retired from active farming to Nashville village, where Mrs. Black died in December 1931. Mr. Black now resides with his son on the old homestead in Toronto Gore.